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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL IN RESPONSE TO
THE AUGUST 11, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, in which the Examiner reopened the prosecution after filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief by the Applicants, Applicants hereby reinstate the appeal by filing a new Notice of Appeal under the provisions of MPEP §1204.01.

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